

VOTE FOR SANE TEMPERANCE

**“A Big Step Forward in
Aid of Temperance”**

SAYS

Principal W. L. Grant

—OF—

Upper Canada College

SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE SAYS

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READ THE OPINIONS OF PRINCIPAL GRANT, TOTAL
ABSTAINER AND LIFE-LONG LIBERAL, AND SIR
JOSEPH FLAVELLE, LIFE-LONG TEMPER-
ANCE WORKER AND ONE OF THE
FOREMOST LAYMEN OF THE
UNITED CHURCH.

BANISH THE BOOTLEGGERS

Principal Grant's Statement

"As a total abstainer of 25 years' standing, as one who loves the young men of Canada, and whose life is spent in doing his best for them, I am glad to align myself with Canon Cody, Sir Thomas White and Sir John Willison in support of the prime minister in his fight against the evils of intemperance and lawlessness."

Declaring the Ferguson temperance policy as great an advance on the O.T.A. as the O.T.A. was on the old open bars, W. L. Grant, principal of Upper Canada College, has issued a public statement announcing his support of Premier Ferguson. In the statement, Principal Grant says his support for the Ferguson party is both on the excellent administrative record of the Government and the temperance policy. The head of Upper Canada College asserts he is glad to support the premier in his fight against the evils of intemperance and lawlessness. He points out that he is a total abstainer of 25 years' standing.

Referring to the Ferguson temperance proposal, Principal Grant asserts that such a temperance measure will lighten the great problem of handling the temperance measures of the province.

Administrative Problem

"It reduces the administrative problem to manageable proportions, whereas recent experience seems to me to show that even under such honest, able and hard-working attorney-generals as Mr. Raney and Mr. Nickle, the O.T.A. gave us an administrative problem incapable of adequate solution," he says. "Under local option those parts of the province wherein there is a strong prohibition sentiment will be able to enforce prohibition; whereas in those parts where there is no such sentiment we shall no longer have that very dangerous spirit which regards the law as a joke. It is a very dangerous thing in a community when large portions of it, including many who are in other respects among our most useful and public-spirited citizens, not only regard lawbreaking as a good joke, but make their favorite bootlegger one of the staples of their conversation. This has, to my knowledge, been the case in Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa, and probably in other urban centers. At a stroke Mr. Ferguson does away with this vast mess of hypocrisy, which has poisoned certain sections of our society and those not the least valuable.

"In coming out as he has done, Mr. Ferguson has taken a courageous stand, and shown that he understands what is meant by the British constitutional tradition of responsible Government. I have

no sympathy whatever for the attempt of Mr. Raney and Mr. Sinclair to fish about for a policy with referenda. That is simply an instance of the unconscious Americanization of our constitution, which is another of our dangers. Even Mr. Ferguson himself seemed for a time to be bitten with it; but he has now shown that he believes in what Disraeli called 'the divine right of Government.' After all, duty to a Government is to govern, subject to our right to turn it out at a general election, if we disapprove of its policy.

"Mr. Ferguson is not appealing to the people of Ontario solely on his policy of improved temperance legislation, though this is the main controversial issue. His administrative record is excellent. The appointment of a man like Mr. Magrath to control the hydro was more than administration—it was statesmanship. A more commonplace appointment might have left us in a very bad swamp.

Differs on Education

"I'm no indiscriminating follower of Mr. Ferguson. There are certain sides of his educational policy which I hope to discuss with him very frankly after the election is over. But on the question mainly at issue he has at least taken a big step forward in the cause of temperance and of respect for law. He is honest and forcible, and not afraid to know his own mind. In the words once used by a well-known Canadian of a former prime minister of this province: 'Ontario cannot afford to dismiss Howard Ferguson.'"

Archbishop Thornloe says :

"I think no legislation can be effective that does not carry and command the approval and support of the public. I know we cannot make people good by force alone."

SEE SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLLE'S STATEMENT
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NO SALE BY THE GLASS

***The Issue is Controlled Liquor Sale
vs. Uncontrolled Liquor Sale***

SIR JOSEPH FLAVELLE SUPPORTS FERGUSON GOVERNMENT CONTROL BEST ENFORCEABLE

Toronto, Nov. 6.—Sir Joseph Flavelle is one of the outstanding men in the religious life of the Province of Ontario. When it was suggested that the Government control policy of Mr. Ferguson included sale of beer by the glass in standard hotels, Sir Joseph refused to support it. When that proposal was withdrawn and assurances given that beer would not be sold by the glass in any part of the province, he was ready to give Government control his support. Following is his statement in the Mail and Empire:

"You ask me what comment I will make upon the statement of the Prime Minister that the previously announced policy of selling beer by retail in public houses had been abandoned and that in substitution the Government proposed that no sale of beer by the glass will be allowed; that beer, as well as other liquors, will be sold through Government agencies only."

"In my statement to the press ten days ago concerning the Government's then announced policy, there was the following paragraph:

"There is, however, an impressive body of public opinion, whether wise or unwise, which favors the adoption of Government control, and a hesitating body of public opinion for the enforcement of the existing law. Under these circumstances I would have abstained from protest to the substitution of Government sale under a system of permits as proposed for the method of sale under the O.T.A. if the Government policy had not included the private sale of beer in hotels."

"The now amended policy of Government does away with the sale of beer in hotels, consequently 'I abstain from protest to the substitution of Government sale under a system of permits as proposed for the method of sale under the O.T.A.'"

"I will further add, if the responsibility were mine I would not choose Government control as now stated as a reform for existing evils. I believe, however, there is a weight of public opinion which demands a change in the existing law, and which will not be set aside by the present hesitating body of public opinion for its enforcement. Therefore with the elimination of the legal sale of liquors in public houses of entertainment.' I accept the sale of liquors through Government agencies only under a system of permits as probably the best obtainable change enforceable under the existing state of public opinion."